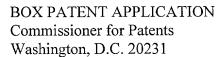


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Application of Koji SUGITA and Masakazu SAWAHATA

OPEN AND CLOSE MECHANISM FOR RECORDING MEDIUM

INSERTION PATH

Assignee: PIONEER CORPORATION

Our Ref. Q68115

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising twenty-eight (28)sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, six (6) sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4 -	20	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent claims	1 -	3	=	X	\$84.00	= .	\$.00
Base Fee							\$740.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$740.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.







Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

Japan

2001-055160

February 28, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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